



**Executive Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2021**

Officers Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Not Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
Bobby Compton, Chairman Jay McCosh, Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, Secretary William Morgan, Treasurer	Peter Ascitto Deloris Chambers Bill Feather Darrell Hinnant Gene Houpe Corinthia Lewis- Lemon Pedro Morey Christine Poinsette Elaine Powell Troy Selberg Lynn Shue Amelia Stinson- Wesley David Williams	Cathy Davis Larken Egleston Martha Sue Hall Bob Hovis	Geraldine Gardner Mike Manis Sherika Rich Kelly Weston Guests Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order. He welcomed both new and returning Executive Board members for 2021 and thanked them for their willingness to serve.

Kelly Weston, Clerk to the Board, called roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Moment of Silence

Chairman Compton called for a moment of silence.

Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Senior Community Services Employment Program Sponsor Agreement Amendment with the Center for Workforce Inclusion**
- 2. Approval of the January 13, 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Treasurer William Morgan, City of Statesville, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Gene Houpe, Iredell County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Centralina Economic Development District Grant Initiatives Update

Mike Manis, Community Economic Development Director, presented an overview of the Centralina Economic Development District (CEDD). He provided an update on a COVID-19 recovery planning grant the CEDD received from the U.S. Economic Development

Administration (EDA) for developing strategic short-term and long-term economic recovery and resilience assessments to update the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. He also reported on Centralina's disaster resiliency project, funded through an EDA grant the CEDD received in 2020. He noted that the project includes additional staff capacity, emergency management plan assessments, development of a regional disaster resilience master plan, establishing a regional emergency management roundtable, and providing technical assistance to pursue state and federal funding.

Mr. Manis led the Executive Board in a live polling exercise on disaster resiliency.

4. Federal Relations Update

Leslie Mazingo, Strategics Consulting, presented the performance report of Centralina's federal relations activities for January through February 2021. She reported that the \$1.9 trillion federal COVID-19 relief bill is expected to be signed into law by Friday. She noted that the bill's allocations for local governments can be used for revenue loss replacement. She also reported that a federal infrastructure bill will be a larger, more comprehensive bill extending beyond surface transportation.

Treasurer Morgan made a motion to accept the Strategics Consulting performance report for January through February 2021. Commissioner Houpe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Centralina Updates and FY22 Outlook

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, forecasted that the Executive Board will discuss the status of convening in-person meetings at its June meeting, adding that the next few meetings will be held virtually. She noted that Centralina is heading into the third and final year of its strategic plan. She also noted that staff is trying to be more targeted with the items brought to the Board for consideration. She presented a forecast of agenda items for the remaining 2021 Executive Board and Board of Delegates meetings.

6. Vice Chairman Installation

Ms. Weston administered the oath of office to Vice Chairman Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville.

Chairman Compton thanked Vice Chairman McCosh for presiding over the Executive Board and Board of Delegates meetings in his absence.

7. Chairman's At-Large Appointments to the Executive Board

Chairman Compton explained that Centralina's bylaws allow the Chair to appoint up to two elected members of the governing body of any member government to serve on the Executive Board as at-large members. He reported that for 2021, his at-large appointments are Mayor Karen Alexander, City of Salisbury, and Council Member Jennifer Stepp, City of Gastonia.

He expressed his appreciation to Mayor Darrell Hinnant, City of Kannapolis, and Mayor Pro Tem Martha Sue Hall, City of Albemarle for serving as at-large members for 2020, adding that he looked forward to continuing to work with them on the Board of Delegates.

Comments from the Executive Board and Centralina Staff

Vice Chairman McCosh noted that the Town of McAdenville will resume its in-person meetings in May and inquired about other communities' plans for convening meetings.

Ms. Gardner noted that some Centralina staff are included in Phase 3 of the state's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan, though most are not as eligible as elected officials for receiving the vaccine. She added that she will poll the Regional Managers Group at its next meeting to see how their communities are approaching convening meetings.

Comments from the Executive Director

Ms. Gardner noted that the nominations for the Region of Excellence Awards are due March 29th, adding that she would like to see several great nominations for the James D. Prosser Excellence in Government Leadership Award.

Comments from the Chair

Chairman Compton reminded the Board Members to save the date for the April 14th Executive Board meeting, which will be held virtually.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.